

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging claims 1-10 and 21 are allowed.

Amendments***Amendments to the Claims***

Applicant has amended the claims to more particularly point out that the search module by itself determines a correct set of configuration values from a plurality of sets of configuration values. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification as filed; however, Applicant specifically directs the Examiner's attention to paragraphs 0014-0018.

Rejections

Claims 11-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wang, et al. U.S. Patent 6,636,505 (hereinafter "Wang").

35 U.S.C. §102 rejections**Claims 11-20**

The Examiner has rejected claims 11-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wang, et al. U.S. Patent 6,636,505 (hereinafter "Wang"). Applicant does not admit that Wang is prior art and reserves the right to swear behind the reference at

a later date. Nonetheless, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's invention as claimed in claims 11-20, as amended, is not anticipated by the reference.

Wang discloses a service provisioning method to a user having a broadband modem. On activating the connection, information about the configuration of the user network interface, including mapping from VPI/VCI to a Service Provider ID, are passed over from the central office. Each accessible service provider is given a unique Service Provider ID. A user's service selection application presents the list of available service providers through a graphical user interface. When the user selects the desired service provider, proper messages are generated to control the connection.

However, Wang does not disclose a search module itself selects the correct set of configuration values, as claimed in the amended claims. In contrast, a user has to select a service provider in order to complete the configuration. Accordingly, Wang fails to disclose all the limitations of claim 11 as amended. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that Wang does not anticipate claim 11, as amended, under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Claims 12-20 all depend upon and include the limitations of claim 11. Therefore claims 12-20 are also not anticipated by Wang under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Conclusion

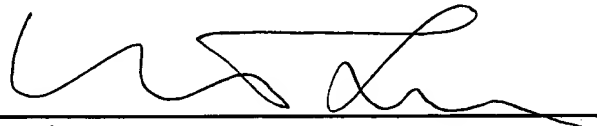
It is respectfully submitted that in view of the remarks set forth herein, the rejections have been overcome. Applicant reserves all rights with respect to the application of the doctrine equivalents. If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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